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## T-shirt Sales Help Town Mural Project

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## Town Council Seeking Volunteers

The Knightstown Town Council is seeking volunteers to serve on the steering committee for the preparation of the town's comprehensive plan. A critical part of developing a successful plan depends on community involvement. The steering committee will meet over a period of six months, probably every two or three weeks. Members of the committee need to be knowledgeable about the town, able to provide perspective and insight, be open to new ideas and ways of thinking about urban development, serve as a sounding board for local citizens, and be willing to accept a leadership role in facilitating public meetings and presenting the completed plan.

## Vintage Gospel Lads Returning

The Vintage Gospel Lads will appear in concert at Knightstown First Christian Church, 138 W. Main St., April 1-3. The theme of the concerts is "The Four Soils."

## Clayton Jennings Returning to KHS

Blue River Community Harvest of Carthage will host Harvest Helpings: Feed and Be Fed with Clayton Jennings on Friday, April 29 at 7 p.m. in Knightstown High School gymnasium. This is a chance for local people to hear the "good news" through Jennings. It is also a chance to give back to the community by donating canned food or non-perishables to the Blue River Community Harvest. Patrons also may donate money and volunteer time. Donations (food or funds) will serve as "tickets" to this event. BRCH is in the process of changing locations.

## Council Moves Toward At-large Representation

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

The Knightstown Town Council has taken a first step toward replacing its five council wards with at-large seats.

With one member absent, the council voted 4-0 at its March 17 monthly meeting to introduce and pass on first reading Ordinance 3-2016. If it passes on second reading, the adopted ordinance will abolish the town's current town council election districts in favor of at-large representation.

Town Council President Sarah Ward suggested this change at the council's February 25 monthly meeting. She said the current set-up makes it "sometimes difficult to get good, competent people to run" for town council.

While Knightstown is divided into five wards, with one council member from each, the five seats are already treated like at-large seats in one important respect. At election time, voters, regardless of the ward in which they reside, are allowed to vote in all council races.

Elections for the council's five seats are currently staggered, with those for Wards 1, 3 and 4 being held last fall. The elections for the Ward 2 and Ward 5 seats were most recently held in 2014.

If Ordinance 3-2016 is approved a second time and adopted, the town will still maintain staggered elections. The Ward 2 and 5 seats - now held by Valerie Trump and Ward, respec-

tively - will be up for election in 2018, while the Ward 1, 3 and 4 seats held by Roger Hammer, Kevin Knott and Mitch Roland will be up for election in 2019. The only change will be that candidates for these seats will be able to reside anywhere in town.

The town council could have suspended its

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normal rules of procedure and taken its second vote on the new ordinance at the March 17 meeting. However, with Trump not present for the meeting, Hammer said he preferred to delay the vote of adoption until the council's next meeting.

In other business at the March 17 meeting, the council:

\*received and took under advisement fuel bids from Van Hoy Oil and Speedway;

\*approved reduction of sewer bills for Jason Smith, new owner of the Knightstown Laundromat, for the months of December and January and agreed to have the town purchase a new 1-inch remote water meter to replace the current 2-inch service line, with Smith paying for installation;

\*granted Knightstown Neighborhood Crime Watch's request to close the alley just north of the Hoosier Gym from 3-7 p.m. on Friday, April 22, and all day on Saturday, April 23, for the group's annual hog roast, and gave permission for KNCW to put a sign advertising the event on the south end of the public square;

\*heard a brief update from Henry County Commissioner Kim Cronk about food and beverage tax funds that would be available to help pay for updates to the town's water and wastewater infrastructure;

\*approved hiring Kieser Consulting Group LLC, Lawrence, to prepare a fixed capital assets inventory for the town at a cost of \$9,000;

\*heard an update from Clerk-Treasurer Beth Huffman on plans to implement new purchasing policies;

\*voted to give wastewater utility employee Allen Haughey until April 29 to move within 10 miles of town or face termination; and

\*OK'd Beautify Knightstown Inc.'s request to have local groups purchase and hang flags celebrating the state's bicentennial along Main Street.

More information about the March 17 meeting of the Knightstown Town Council can be found in the memoranda and minutes from that proceeding. Those public records are available for inspection and copying at Knightstown Town Hall, 26 S. Washington St., during normal business hours.

## Knightstown Gets \$40,000 Planning Grant

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

The town of Knightstown has been awarded a \$40,000 planning grant from the state that, with a 10-percent match from the town, will be used to help pay for the development of a comprehensive plan.

Dave Kieser of Kieser Consulting Group LLC, a Lawrence-based firm hired to assist the town with preparation of the comprehensive plan, announced the grant award at the Knightstown Town Council's March 17 monthly meeting. The grant, provided by the state's Office of Community and Rural Affairs, is funded by the U.S.

Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant Program.

According to information on OCRA's website, planning grants like this are intended to assist communities with long-term development. At a town council meeting in January, Kieser explained that a comprehensive plan like the one his firm will create for the town will be a "living, working, breathing document" that will help "pace land use with the extension of infrastructure."

The Knightstown Plan Commission spent much of 2015 doing its own work revising and

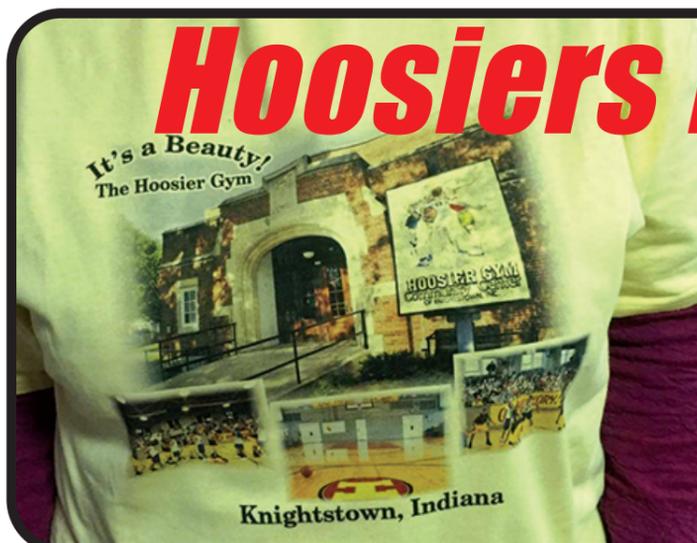
updating the town's comprehensive plan. At this point, it is not known how much of that work will be incorporated into the plan KCG will develop for the town.

The comprehensive plan is also expected to play a key role in the town's efforts to obtain larger, more substantial grants and loans to help pay for major infrastructure improvements to the town's wastewater and water utilities. Kieser and engineers working with the town have previously explained that OCRA and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Office of Rural Development both require the town to have a comprehensive plan to be eligible for further funding.

Now that the town has been awarded this planning grant, Kieser said a nine-person steering committee will need to be formed to help with development of the comprehensive plan. While steering committee members are not required to be Knightstown residents, Kieser recommended that most of them - maybe as many as seven of the nine - live in town.

According to information Town Council President Sarah Ward received from Kieser and forwarded to The Banner, members of the steering committee will be expected to meet every two or three weeks over the course of six

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**OBITUARIES**

**Zeta R. Green**  
 July 10, 1959 - March 25, 2016



Zeta R. Green, 56, of Rushville, passed away peacefully March 25, 2016, in Rushville. Zeta was born July 10, 1959, in Birmingham, Ala. She was the daughter of Nancy (Hulsey) Oglesby and stepfather Tommy Oglesby. Zeta graduated from Thompson High School in Alabaster, Ala., in 1977 and then enlisted in the Air Force. Achieving the rank of sergeant, she worked as an automatic flight control systems specialist for nearly six years and served overseas.

She married Stephen Green May 12, 1978, and they had one daughter, Shannon Green of Rushville. She was a homemaker many years until her daughter was older and then she obtained her CDL and became a partner with her husband driving a semi on long haul routes. They visited 47 of the 48 continental states. She was an avid reader and enjoyed crossword puzzles, sewing and crocheting. She was a member of Community Baptist Church in Knightstown.

Those left to cherish her memory include her husband, Stephen Green of Rushville; a daughter, Shannon Green of Rushville; two sisters, Darlene and Celia; one brother, Allen; and nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Lynn.

In accordance with her wishes, she will be cremated and a memorial service will be held at the convenience of the family. Memorial donations may be made to the Zeta Green Memorial Fund, 6633 W. Old National Rd., Knightstown, IN 46148. Online condolences can be left at www.ToddFuneralHome.com.

**Voter Registration Still Open**

It's a big election year. Are you registered to vote? If you want to have your say, you must register. Register by April 4 to be able to vote in the May 3 primary election. Hoosiers can register to vote online by using the Indiana Voters app, or by visiting IndianaVoters.com, and can submit an application to register in person at their local county clerk's office or any Bureau of Motor Vehicles license branch.

The Indiana Voters app also allows Hoosiers to confirm their voter registration, look up their polling place, get driving directions to their polling location, find out who's on their ballot, track their absentee ballot application or provisional ballot information and contact local election officials.

In order to be eligible to register to vote, you must:

- be a citizen of the United States,
- be at least 18 years old on the day of the next general, municipal, or special election,
- have lived in your precinct for at least 30 days before the next general, municipal, or special election (except for certain military voters); and
- not currently be imprisoned after being convicted of a crime.

"I urge all Hoosiers to exercise their right to vote," said Secretary Lawson. "It only takes a few minutes to register and can be done online at anytime."

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# CAB School Board Hosts Public Hearing; Approves Use of Some Rainy Day Funds

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

The Charles A. Beard School Board has voted to spend up to \$90,000 from the district's Rainy Day Fund to repair two school parking lots and tennis courts at Knightstown High School.

Board members held a brief public hearing immediately prior to their March 15 monthly meeting on the plans to use the RDF money for these projects. Later, with one member not in attendance, the board voted 6-0 during its regular meeting to approve use of these funds.

The board had voted in February to hire Globe Asphalt Paving Co. Inc. of Westport to repair the parking lots at Knightstown Elementary and Knightstown Intermediate School for \$53,703. It had also previously approved paying Leslie Coating, Indianapolis, \$22,315 to seal the KHS tennis courts, for a total of \$76,018 for both projects.

In other facilities-related business, Superintendent Jed Behny advised board members at the March 15 meeting that the roof above the KHS gym had recently been damaged by wind, and that a small portion of the gym floor was also damaged. The repair work, which Behny said he hoped would be completed in the next few weeks, will be covered by CAB's insurance.

KHS Principal Steve Wherry took an opportunity early in the board's meeting to give recognition to KHS senior Hope Johnson, a state Academic All-Star who has been named a National Merit Scholarship finalist. He described Johnson as a "kind and genuine young lady" who is "talented and well-rounded" and "an absolute gem."

"You've made us very proud and I look forward to hearing about your accomplishments in the future," Wherry told Johnson.

Behny also told board members that Stephanie Madison, CAB's treasurer/business manager was recently named the Region 6 School

Business Official of the Year. He said she will be honored at the Indiana Association of School Business Officials spring conference.

In other business at the March 15 meeting, the school board:

\*heard a brief updates on legal matters involving the district and on a proposed bond issue;

\*approved monthly claims totaling \$884,414.48;

\*OK'd a field trip to the Newport Aquarium in Cincinnati for KES students participating in the Super Readers rewards program;

\*voted to approve on first reading revisions to a policy dealing with CAB's food services, and to OK on first reading two new policies dealing with management of grant funds and the reporting of financial losses;

\*approved the purchase of new math textbooks for KES at a cost of \$34,202.74;

\*voted to increase the daily pay of substitute teachers from \$55 to \$72.50 for certified teachers and from \$50 to \$70 for noncertified; and

\*OK'd the appointment of Debi Ware and Anthony Darling to fill two vacancies on the Knightstown High School Building Corp.

More information about the March 15 meeting of the CAB School Board can be found in the memoranda and minutes from that proceeding. Those public records are available for inspection and copying at CAB's central office, 8139 W. U.S. Hwy. 40, Knightstown, during normal business hours.

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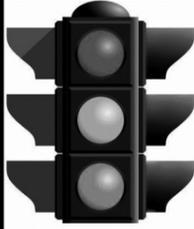
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# Banner PERSPECTIVES

## Two Voices Missing from Writer's Life

The deaths of certain people tear holes in the fabric of my existence. One of them was the magnificent writer Pat Conroy, who deserved the Nobel Prize for literature more than some who have received it. Another was the darling, bright-natured and talented musician Gerry Gray.

Salty-tongued old Granny opined, "Writers like that Hemingway fellow don't know me or give a hoot in Hell about me as a person, but they'd better care about me as a reader, or I won't like their books."

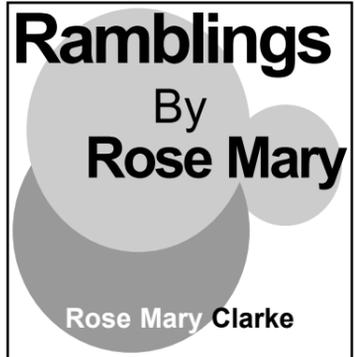
I mourn when great authors die because there will be no more books by them. As Granny once put it, they make our worlds match up. I feel that I knew Pat Conroy's mind more intimately than I do those of some of my acquaintances; and I cared about him.

The words of fine writers make music in my mind. Conroy wrote about Venice, a place that Bill and I also love. Here's a lovely quote from *Beach Music*, one of my very favorite books:

"The city is a peacock tail unfurled in the Adriatic and the sheer infinity of its water-dazzled charms makes you long for a new secret language brimming with untried words that can be used only when describing Venice to strangers ..."

Oh how I wish I could write as well as he! I think that he was the best American novelist of my lifetime.

The inscription above the great library at Alexandria, Egypt, said, "The place of the cure of the soul." *Beach Music* and Conroy's other novels such as *The Great Santini* depict his father, who abused him, his siblings and their mother. C. J. Woods, a fine writer whose column appears in *The Weekly View*, also wrote a poignant column about



Conroy, in which he described his own childhood with an abusive father.

Conroy's family moved constantly because of his father's military service. The library was his refuge. I understand that. I had kind parents, but I was often bullied by schoolmates and found solace in books. My library card number was 1369. One day, the Knightstown librarian said, "Rose Mary, I think that you're mature enough to check out books from the adult side of the library." Oh promised land!

Conroy read prodigiously - more than anyone of whom I've

ever heard - and wrote a fascinating book called *My Reading Life*. He made me realize that in addition to my everyday life, I have a separate life through my reading. Indeed, I have experienced many lives, including Conroy's existence when he writes about South Carolina, the loggerhead turtles that lay their eggs on its beaches and the ocean.

I wish I'd known Gerry Gray all of my life. She grew up in rural Indiana, became a member of the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir, and appeared many times at the Indiana State Fair. Gerry was a consummate performer and had a coterie of admirers who followed her wherever she performed. Finally her physician said that she could no longer perform in a building that had no air conditioning.

Gerry performed at the Benton House in Irvington for over 30 years. For several years, she appeared with other musicians for a Christmas concert. Eventually, she had to give up performing except that one time. Fine musicians, Gerry and the men who performed with her provided the musical equivalent of comfort food composed of beloved Christmas carols during that evening when the beautiful Benton House was splendidly dressed up for Christmas.

I was in the hospital for 10 days before last Christmas and had to miss the musicale at the Benton House. Gerry was heartbroken she

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## Joe Baker: A Tale Worth Repeating

Grandpa Cole nearly busted his gut laughing.

His eyes disappeared in a teary squint when he laughed real hard, and he sometimes doubled over and slapped his knee.

My mom's dad, Grandpa Cole had a great sense of humor, undoubtedly inherited from his father, Samuel Larsh Cole Sr., - a real character of whom many stories and even some newspaper columns were written.

But, I didn't know Great-grandpa Cole as well as I knew Grandpa. I wish I had, but that's just the way it goes.

Anyway, Grandpa Cole had a mildly ornery, but good-natured sense of humor. He delighted in a funny, harmless prank or a good joke.

To that end, when I was just a wee lad, he taught me a little poem - a poem that would go on to create some humorous Cox-Cole family lore.

As a fairly innocent second grader at Douglas MacArthur Elementary School in Indianapolis, I had quickly developed a reputation as a good talker. My teachers even described my social skills in little notes on my report cards. I always thought the notes were a good thing, and only later did I learn that such notes did not always, in fact, convey happy thoughts about my behavior.

Nevertheless, Grandpa had apparently been told about my budding penchant for classroom discussion. He took time, at our next meeting, to recite a little verse. I'm not sure where he himself learned it, but it went like this:

"Joe Baker, Joe Baker the candlestick maker,

*Wiped his butt with a piece of brown paper  
The paper was thin and his fingers slipped in  
What a heckuva fix Joe Baker was in"*

Now, being a second grader and all of seven years old, I knew - even then - that this was poetic gold, worth its weight in Bub's Daddy bubble gum or Evil Knievel action figures. So, I memorized Joe Baker's brief tale of scatological calamity and saved it for an appropriate unveiling ceremony.

This was way before social media, of course. So school was really the only time I could corral my contemporaries for a little poetry slam.

I think "homerom" was the time I selected for this event. I asked Mrs. Lewis if I could recite a poem, and, thinking I had some Dr. Seuss in store, she gladly agreed.

I don't remember her exact facial expression when I finished spitting Joe Baker's rhyme. But, suffice to say it was likely different than if I'd recited *The Cat in the Hat*. My classmates laughed, I think.

Another note went home, explaining what I'd done. No punishment resulted. However, I was warned against future performances, unless the subject matter was preapproved.

When Grandpa heard what transpired, he laughed so hard he cried. I'll bet his stomach hurt for a week after that. We all laughed about it for years. And when one of my boys recited the poem for him, we laughed again, just as I am laughing now!



## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The latest terrorist attacks by ISIS on a Brussels subway station and on its airport have increased transportation security here in the USA. Little known to most Americans is the fact that a recent U.S. government contract has unwittingly placed U.S. military and government personnel at greater risk when traveling to and from the Middle East.

For years, the Open Skies Agreement has allowed foreign airlines to compete against U.S. flag carriers on international airline routes. As a capitalist, I thought such practice helped improve the quality of service on U.S. airlines - especially their overseas routes. Since signing this agreement, the governments of Qatar, Abu Dhabi, and Dubai have heavily subsidized the flights of Qatar Airways, Etihad Airlines, and Emirates Airlines, respectively, to and from the USA, even more than they already subsidized their flag carriers.

JetBlue Airways, an essentially domestic airline with a handful of Latin American destinations, recently won the U.S. government contract for flights between the USA and Dubai (the major airline hub in the Middle East). According to United Airlines, JetBlue offered the General Services Administration (GSA) prices substantially below those of United and Delta Airlines for flights between the USA and Dubai. The catch is, that JetBlue code-shares with Emirates, which heavily subsidizes its U.S. routes. As a result, United ended its Dubai service in January; Delta ended its Dubai service in February.

JetBlue's bid with the GSA was supposedly in full compliance with Federal Travel Regulations and the Fly America Act. When United Airlines protested the decision, JetBlue's bid was upheld by the Government Accountability Office (GAO).

As a result, until the contract next comes up for bid, when U.S. government personnel (military, Dept. of State, contractors) fly to Dubai, taxpayer dollars will go primarily to a foreign flag carrier. Aside from the financial aspects of U.S. taxpayers subsidizing an already heavily subsidized foreign airline, what should concern the public and members of Congress more is the security aspect of U.S. government personnel, in large numbers, not flying a U.S. flag carrier into a volatile region.

Please, express your concern about this issue to Senator Coats, to Senator Donnelly, and to your member of Congress. Security of U.S. government personnel should not be sacrificed on the altar of price, let alone less than fair trade.

Nate LaMar  
New Castle

Dear Editor,

March 13—19, was Sunshine Week, a national initiative to promote a dialogue about the importance of open government and freedom of information.

During Sunshine Week, but especially in the weeks that follow, it is important for us to embrace the idea of increasing government transparency as a means of securing freedom.

Founding Father Patrick Henry said, "The liberties of a people never were, nor ever will be, secure, when the transactions of their rulers may be concealed from them...to cover with the veil of secrecy the common routine of business, is an abomination in the eyes of every intelligent man, and every friend to his country."

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# BITS & PIECES

◆**Almighty Blessings Preschool**, located across the street from Knightstown United Methodist Church, will host open registration on Monday, April 11, 6:30-7:30 p.m. The event is open to the public.

◆**Raintree Cycling Club** is gearing up for another season of bicycling around the tri-county area. The Saturday morning road ride leaves from Knightstown's Public Square (west side) at 9 a.m. This is a developmental road ride for aspiring riders with road bikes. Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m., a leisure ride departs from the Henry County YMCA, 300 Wittenbraker Ave., New Castle. The club also has a Thursday morning group ride for road bikes, which departs from the Baker Park pool hose in New Castle. For more information about Raintree Cycling Club, find them on Facebook, or call 765-571-2168.

◆**Blue River Community Harvest of Carthage** will host **Harvest Helpings: Feed and Be Fed** with Clayton Jennings on Friday, April 29 at 7 p.m. in Knightstown High School gymnasium. This is a chance for local people to hear the "good news" through Jennings. It is also a chance to give back to the community by donating

canned food or non-perishables to the Blue River Community Harvest. Patrons also may donate money and volunteer time. Donations (food or funds) will serve as "tickets" to this event. BRCH is in the process of changing locations.

◆**Health by Design** and the Indiana State Department of Health will co-present a workshop on Thursday, April 28, designed to help New Castle and Henry County become a healthier and more active community for all ages and abilities. The event takes place 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the New Castle-Henry County Public Library.

◆In honor of **Rush County Players' 40th anniversary season**, Director Carrie Scholl, along with Assistant Directors Kim Ursin-Cronin and Donita Davis, has been working hard to put together a very special show. This show will be a reprise of favorite numbers from all the shows we have performed over the last 40 years. Shows will be May 6 and 7, with both a matinee and evening performance on the May 7. For more information, call Rush County Players at 765-561-9403.

◆The **Vintage Gospel Lads** will appear in concert at Knightstown

First Christian Church, 138 W. Main St., April 1-3. The theme of the concerts is "The Four Soils."

◆**Beautify Knightstown** said Hoosier Gym T-shirts are now available for purchase. Proceeds from shirt sales help the group raise funds for a mural. Orders may be placed via Facebook, [www.beautifyknightstown.org](http://www.beautifyknightstown.org), or by calling 765-445-2328. All shirt sizes are \$20 in gray or gold.

◆**Knightstown Wesleyan Church** has **welcome packets** available. Anyone new to the area interested in receiving local business information and discounts may contact Kathie Rummell at 765-345-9660 or Amy Bell at 765-686-7063.

◆The Shirley Octagon House is open for **free tours** by chance or appointment. To get a free tour, stop by Shirley Hardware and one will be arranged. To schedule an appointment for a tour, call 812-583-0031 or 765-737-6856.

◆The **Historic Knightstown museum**, located on the Public Square at 22 N. Washington St., has new winter hours. The museum's current hours, in effect through March are 10 a.m.-12 p.m. (sometimes longer) each Friday and

Saturday, or by appointment. For more information, or to schedule a museum visit by appointment, call David Steele at 765-345-7585. Family and individual HKI memberships are \$20 and \$15, respectively. Membership payments may be mailed to HKI at P.O. Box 74,

**Rose Mary, from Page 4**

wasn't able to join the fellows. I called her up and said, "Could we have our own little concert?" She sang one of our favorites, "The

Knightstown, IN 46148.

◆**Alcoholics Anonymous** meets weekly, on Tuesdays, at 7:30 p.m. at the Hoosier Gym (enter on East side). Meetings will continue each Tuesday at the same time and location. For more info, call 765-571-1132 or 765-571-1662.

Lord of the Dance." I treasure that poignant memory, which is the last time I heard her beloved voice.

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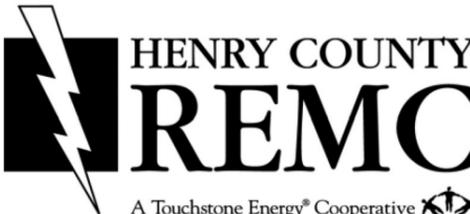


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# Rebecca Bilbrey Credits KHS, EH Teachers for Important Mentoring Efforts

by Logan Cox  
for The Banner

"I started to draw at a young age, and discovered through practice and critical observation, that I became quite good at it," said Rebecca Bilbrey, an assistant professor of visual communications at Ivy Tech Community College. "However, the turning point was in my teens."

Bilbrey's potential as a young artist was recognized by high school art teachers such as Florence Amick from Knightstown High School and Eastern Hancock High School's Lynn Shults after Bilberry and her family relocated to Hancock County. Shultz encouraged Bilbrey to attend Saturday School at the Herron School of Art, as well as to enter her artwork in contests.

"I was a big fish in a small pond, but excelled under his nurturing instruction," Bilbrey said. "As a current instructor of the visual arts, I can attest to the valuable teachings I had from Mr. Shultz. I was so much more prepared to embark on an education in the arts because of the many lessons learned from him, including; art history, perspective, and a variety of medium from clay to cut paper, to oil paints. He would even loan me his finer brushes and supplies, which really made a difference!"

Her interest in art truly piqued during Career Day at her high school, when a young lady from an Indianapolis ad agency came to speak. When Bilbrey saw what sort of work was being produced for agencies, she knew right away where she would be able to apply her skills as a graphic designer and illustrator on a commercial level.

She graduated from Eastern Hancock in the spring of 1987. Bilbrey attended her first semester at Herron School of Art in Indianapolis in the fall of the same year.

"Moving to the city, and being surrounded by so many creative people was intimidating, but I have this sink or swim mentality about challenges and sinking is not an option! Despite this awkward country girl's somewhat rough transition into a metropolitan art school, where now I was just another fish - a small fish - I had to work diligently at becoming a big

fish again," said Bilbrey.

Bilbrey often found herself working two, sometimes four part-time jobs in order to pay for rent, books, public transportation, food and supplies. However, at the end of her first year, she learned that there was a student awards night in the spring. Local graphic businesses donated scholarships to be doled out to students who showed the most potential.

"I was not awarded anything my first year, but vowed I would clean house every year thereafter. That is just what I did," said Bilbrey. "I saw such great opportunity to financially manage my education in those awards, and became very competitive in order to gain scholarships. Every spring thereafter, most of the scholarships were awarded to me on awards night, which validated further my destiny as a designer. Naturally, there were many times I felt like giving in because it was extremely difficult to juggle everything and keep it all together. But again, in the sink or swim situation, I chose to swim!"

She began teaching at an inner city summer youth media camp back in 2001 for Pastor Bryan Hudson of New Covenant Church in Indianapolis. Hudson had a background in graphic and multimedia design before he became a preacher, offering his camp every summer to kids who are interested in web design, graphic design and video production.

"In sharing with those pre-teens and teens, I found my niche," she said. "Coincidentally, Ivy Tech had advertised that they were looking for a program chair for their Visual Communications program that summer."

The staff decided someone of Bilbrey's experience was better suited as a full time faculty member.

"They wanted me to have full exposure to the students because they saw how networked I was with the current graphics industry, and the potential to have great impact on future visual artists," said Bilbrey. "Unbeknownst to me at that time, it was very uncommon for colleges to create new positions for people, especially when there are so many part-time professors to choose from if a position needs filled."

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## MEETINGS CALENDAR

**Sat., Apr. 2** - Shirley Town Council meeting, 8:30 a.m., Shirley Town Hall

**Mon., Apr. 4** - Rush Co. Commissioners meeting, 9 a.m., courthouse assembly room, Rushville

**Mon., Apr. 4** - Greensboro Town Council meeting, 6:30 p.m., Greensboro Community Center

**Tues., Apr. 5** - Hancock Co. Commissioners meeting, 8 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

**Tues., Apr. 5** - Spiceland Town Council meet-

ing, 6 p.m., Spiceland Town Hall

**Tues., Apr. 5** - Knightstown Park Board monthly meeting and public hearing to gather input for five-year master plan, 7 p.m., Sunset Park shelter house

**Wed., Apr. 6** - Kennard Town Council meeting, 7 p.m., Kennard Town Hall

**Thurs., Apr. 7** - Hancock Co. Drainage Board meeting, 8 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

**Mon., Apr. 11** - Carthage Town Council meeting, 6 p.m., Carthage Town Hall

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# FOLKWAYS

## Library Hosting Kids Activities

New Castle-Henry County Public Library offers a variety of free activities for kids and families including story times for small children and learning programs for older kids. For more information about the Children's Library, visit [www.nhcpl.org/kids](http://www.nhcpl.org/kids).

Pajama story time begins at 6:30 p.m. on Mondays from April 4 through 25. All ages are invited to a fun evening of stories and songs. Alphabet story time is at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays (April 5-19) and is designed for ages 4 and up. During this program, kids learn letter recognition through stories, finger-plays, songs, and crafts.

Baby and toddler story times are on Thursdays from April 7 through

28. Baby story time begins at 9:30 a.m. and features songs, rhymes, and stories for ages 0-2. Toddler story time is at 10 a.m., and ages 2-3 can groove to music, participate in various activities, and hear themed stories.

Second Saturday STEAM gives elementary-aged children the opportunity to explore science, technology, engineering, arts, and math in a fun setting. The session at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 9, will highlight flight, and kids can make things that fly using various materials. In order to ensure that there are adequate supplies, reserve your spot by going to the "events" link at [www.nhcpl.org](http://www.nhcpl.org) or by calling the library at 765-529-0362.

Stop in and read to Lucky the therapy dog during Tale Wagers at 5 p.m. on March 31, April 14, and April 28. Lucky provides encouraging help to children who may struggle with reading.

The Children's Library is helping to host the annual Henry County Child Fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 9. Families can participate in interactive booths and learn about community resources. There will be door prizes awarded throughout the event.

Celebrate Earth Day at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, April 22 by making a recycled craft and enjoying a story and snack. This program is designed for elementary-aged students, and registration is required. Sign up under the "events" link at [www.nhcpl.org](http://www.nhcpl.org) or by calling 765-529-0362.

### Banner Correction

The Banner inadvertently omitted a scriptural reference in Rev. Gail Whitmire's column last week. The scriptural reference is "Mark 16:1-7." The Banner regrets the error.

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## Knightstown Friends Church Hosts Service at Academy



Palm Sunday brought a special event for people here in Knightstown and the cadets of Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy (HYCA). Attendees of Knightstown Friends Church and folks from the surrounding community held a Sunday morning service at Lincoln Hall chapel on the grounds of what many people still refer to as "The Home."

Pastor Tim Basford officiated the service. The Knightstown Friends Choir, soloist Hannah Basford, and accompanists Robin Richey and Cheryl Johnson provided special music. HYCA has been in the Knightstown area for several years, according to Director Stephen Spaulding. He said his dream has always been to have a voluntary Sunday service for the cadets in Lincoln Hall.

Spaulding welcomed the crowd of area residents and cadets to this special service. In his remarks, he gave a very informative history of Lincoln Hall and the adjoining grounds, being very respectful of its previous use as "The Home."

Basford is currently meeting weekly with the cadets in a voluntary Bible study program.

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# The Vintage Gospel Lads IN CONCERT!



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### Four Soils: What Kind of Soil Are You? "Lessons from Dirt" (Soil Samples of the Heart)

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2. The Shallow Soil (Steve Kehrer)...Saturday, 7 p.m.
3. The Shared Soil (Ron Rasmussen)...Sunday, 10:30 a.m. -
4. The Surefire Soil (Adam Rasmussen)...Sunday, 7 p.m.

"Vintage Gospel Lads" free concert April 4 at the Hoosier Gym. Hosted by Men for Christ.

# Two CAB Teachers Leaving at School Year's End

The Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corp. will be losing two of its teachers at the end of the current semester.

Personnel matters approved by the CAB School Board at its March 15 meeting included an upcoming

resignation of Sarah Kiningham, a French teacher at Knightstown High School, and retirement of Melinda Conklin, a fourth grade teacher at Knightstown Intermediate School. Both departures are set to take effect May 26.

According to her letter of resignation, Kiningham is leaving KHS to take a job teaching English abroad. Conklin's retirement is coming after 40 years of service with CAB.

The school board also approved a maternity leave request from Rebekah Evans, a first grade teacher at Knightstown Elementary School. In her written request for a leave of absence, Evans said she planned to work until May 17, her delivery date, and expects to return to work for the fall semester.

KHS English teacher Rachael Shepherd was approved as a Language Arts Homebound Instructor for the remainder of the current school year. The board

also OK'd Marla Green as a substitute bus aide and Harry Richmond as a substitute custodian at KHS.

## School Board Approves Three New KHS Coaches

The Charles A. Beard School Board has approved a trio of new coaches at Knightstown High School.

Acting on recommendations from Athletic Director Matt Martin, board members voted at their March 15 monthly meeting to approve Frank DeLois as the girls tennis coach and Collin Kleckner as the boys soccer coach. The school board also OK'd Alicia Jackson as an assistant varsity track coach at KHS, replacing Jeremiah Howe.

All three coaching assignments take effect immediately.

## State Parks Seek Volunteers

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 All sealed bids will be opened and read at regular meeting of the Kennard Town Council, to be held at 7 p.m. May 4, 2016. The council reserves the right to waive bid irregularities and reserves the right to reject all bids.  
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**We're still accepting auction donations! Call the camp at 765-932-5125.**

# BPW District Officers Installed



The Indiana Federation of Business and Professional Women installed district officers recently. Pictured (l-r) are Theresa Adams, PSP; Claudia Thornburg of Winchester, alternate state nominating committee member; Jackie Woolard, PSP, of Knightstown, state nominating committee member; Barbara Mofield, Knightstown club treasurer; Carole Stevens of Fortville, district director; E. Ann Myers of Shelbyville, assistant district director; and Bonnie Mayfield of Winchester, secretary. (Photo submitted)

# Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Dice Celebrate 60-year Marriage

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Dice of Pittsfield, Ill., former longtime Spiceland residents, are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary today.

Leonard and the former Sharon Ann Buchanan married March 30, 1956, in Rushville, and are the parents of seven sons, Rick, Gary, Tim, John, Kevin, Philip and Ron, who were all born there. Five of their sons are Baptist ministers in Illinois, Iowa, Indiana and North Carolina, and the Dices have 16 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

After serving in the military from 1953 to 1958, Leonard

entered the ministry in 1958 and, over 40 years, pastored three different churches in Henry County. After retirement from the active

pastorate in 2000, he became pastor emeritus of Liberty Baptist Church in Dunreith, where his son Tim succeeded him as pastor.

The Dices moved to Pittsfield in 2004. Since then, Leonard has served as an assistant pastor at Grace Baptist Church, where his son Gary is



pastor. Earlier in life, Leonard was employed by the Rushville Republican, and, later, by Mayhill Publications in Knightstown.

# County Library Displays Commemorate 100 Years of Service

Outfits, hats, and gloves fill the office of Outreach Services Program Coordinator Pam Adkins. Pictures, dresses, and descriptions fill the display cases on the upper level of the New Castle-Henry County Public Library. As the library celebrates 100 years of service throughout this year, the focus this spring is on fashion.

Throughout the month, guests to the library can see fashion through the century displayed at the library. Library staff member Denise Akers created the cased displays, while staffer Josh Downham put together the photo displays.

At 12:15 p.m. on Friday, April 22, the library's centennial committee will present

a fashion show and luncheon. Reservations are required for the program, and can be secured by calling 765-529-0362, ext. 1347 or by visiting the calendar link at [www.nchcpl.org](http://www.nchcpl.org).

The fashion show will feature clothing from the turn of the 20th century until today. Models include Winnie Logan

(1916), Joda Guffey (1920s), Denise Akers (1930s and 1960s), Robin Ritchie (1940s), Jessica Dupke (1950s), Tina Phelps (1970s), and Lynn Thomas (2000s).

Find more information about the library's centennial celebration at [www.nchcpl.org/100years](http://www.nchcpl.org/100years).

# New Castle's Sears Hometown Store Honored as 'Premier' Establishment

The Sears Hometown Store in New Castle has been named a 2016 "Sears Hometown Premier Store" for consistently offering the highest level of customer service, outstanding store performance and quality standards.

Located in the Payne Village Shopping Center, 3005 S. 14th St., the New Castle store was one of only 321 in the company's 900-plus unit system to receive this national recognition this past quarter. According to a company press release, issued earlier this month, approximately 35 percent of Sears Hometown Stores receive this prestigious award, with those stores given the opportunity to participate in special events along with other Premier Stores throughout the year.

"We strive to serve our community with the highest-level of customer service, so this recognition speaks volumes to

the hard work and dedication of each and every one of our employees," Lisa Loveless, owner and operator of the New Castle Sears Hometown Store, said in the press release. "To be honored as a Premier Store is a direct reflection of their tenacity as well as the support of our community. We couldn't have earned this achievement without either and want to thank our customers for their continued patronage."

"Lisa and Ben and their employees set a prime example for all other stores in our system to follow," Will Powell, CEO and president of Sears Hometown and Outlet Stores Inc., which operates Sears Hometown Stores, was quoted in the release. "Naming the Sears Hometown Store of New Castle as a Premier Store is a testament to their strong commitment in serving their local community above and beyond what is typically expected."

Sears Hometown Stores are a unique retailing concept: They combine the value, selection and services associated with larger retail stores, but are owned and operated by a member of the local community. Each location provides exceptional customer service along with a wide assortment of appliances, tools, electronics, fitness equipment as well as lawn and garden merchandise.

In addition, Sears Hometown Store associates can order customers any product from the entire merchandise selection offered by Sears Holdings Corporation, including apparel, footwear, jewelry and much more. This unique format allows customers in small communities to have access to the great products and brands usually found only in Sears stores.

To learn more about Sears Hometown Stores, visit [www.searshometownstores.com](http://www.searshometownstores.com).

# State Lands CDC Grant to Combat Opioid Overdoses

The Indiana State Department of Health has received a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to help prevent overdose deaths related to prescription opioids as part of the CDC's Prescription Drug Overdose: Prevention for States program.

"As we have seen here in Indiana, opioid overuse is a problem that many people struggle with," said State Health Commissioner Jerome Adams, M.D., M.P.H. "This funding will help us gather data to inform strategies on how to prevent opioid

overdoses." Dr. Adams is also a member of the Governor's Task Force on Drug Enforcement, Treatment and Prevention, which was created by Governor Mike Pence to combat drug abuse and addiction in Indiana.

The CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control has expanded its Prevention for States program to an additional 13 states this year to help turn the tide on the prescription drug overdose epidemic. Funding will support enhancements to INSPECT, the Indiana prescription drug monitoring program at the Indiana

Professional Licensing Agency; improvements to opioid prescribing practices; prevention efforts at the state and community levels to address new and emerging problems related to prescription drug overdoses; and a partnership with the IU Fairbanks School of Public Health to evaluate opioid prescribing practices in Indiana.

The Indiana State Department of Health will use this funding to expand the Indiana Violent Death Reporting System. The expansion

will provide additional data regarding opioid overdose at the county level and will help inform prevention efforts and expand use of data for public health surveillance.

The Prevention for States program is a part of CDC's ongoing efforts to scale up prevention activities as part of a national response to the opioid overdose epidemic. Prevention for States provides resources and support to advance comprehensive state-level inter-

ventions for preventing prescription drug overuse, misuse, abuse and overdose.

For more information about Prescription Drug Overdose: Prevention for States, visit [http://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/states/state\\_prevention.html](http://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/states/state_prevention.html).

Visit the Indiana State Department of Health at [www.StateHealth.in.gov](http://www.StateHealth.in.gov) for important health and safety information.

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# C.A. Beard Memorial School Corporation 2015 Annual Performance Report

## C A Beard Memorial School Corp

2015 Annual Performance Report

### C A Beard Memorial School Corp, Knightstown 3455

Indicator	Corporation Results				State
	'12-'13	'13-'14	'14-'15	'15-'16	Total
A-F Accountability Grade	C	C	C		
Student Enrollment	1,318	1,283	1,208	1,183	1,046,026
Non-Waiver Grad Rate	85.8	91.3	86.5		82.74
College and Career Readiness Rate	53.3	57.6	N/A		
Percentage of Career and Technical Diplomas	1.9	2.0	7.1		1.4
Number of Certified Teachers	82	78	76		63,167
Number of National Board Certified Teachers	0	0	0		192
Total Expenditure Per Pupil Three Year Average	\$10,695	\$10,774	\$10,232		\$11,052
Percent Academic Achievement Expenditures	48	46.1	44.4		48.7
Percent Instructional Support Expenditures	8.7	8.4	8.1		8.2
Percent Overhead and Operations Expenditures	25.6	26.1	26.5		23.2
Percent Non-Operating Expenditures	17.7	19.4	21		19.9
Teacher Salary Range - Minimum	\$34,535	\$30,218	\$34,535		\$24,153
Teacher Salary Range - Maximum	\$58,411	\$58,723	\$59,000		\$89,516
Percent of Students in Special Education	17.0	18.0	19.4		14.9
Percent of Students in Gifted and Talented Education	11.8	15.6	15.8		14.4
Percent of Instruction Delivered Through Vocation Education	7.9	7.2	6.6		5.7
Percent of Students Receiving Free or Reduced Price Lunches	46.7	46.3	46.9		49.2
Percent of Limited English Proficiency Students	0.2	0.2	0.3		5.5
Total ISTEP+ Remediation Funding	\$3,940	\$3,946	\$4,383		\$6,000,150
Intra District Mobility	0.6	0.3	0		0.5
Inter District Mobility	10.5	8.3	9.1		11.5

### Corporation Goals for Expenditure Categories in Indiana Code 20-42.5-3-5

It is the goal of this school corporation to increase the overall percentage of its expenditures for resources and personnel pertaining to improving academic achievement and instruction support. It is also the goal of this school corporation to reduce the overall percentage of its expenditures for overhead, operational, and nonoperational support whenever it is feasible and does not detract from the safety and support of our students, nor adversely impact the optimal learning environment of our facilities.

### Knightstown Elementary School, Knightstown 2887

Indicator	School Results				State
	'12-'13	'13-'14	'14-'15	'15-'16	Total
A-F Accountability Grade	A	A	A		
Student Enrollment	319	316	375	356	1,046,026
Percentage of Students Passing IREAD	87.1	88.9	92.9		90.1
* Grade 3 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Math Standard	76.3	88.5	71.8		62.6
* Grade 3 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Language Arts Standard	72.9	82.7	74.1		73.2
Pupil Enrollment to Certified Employee Ratio	14	13	13		13
Attendance Rate	95.2	95.8	94.6		95.8
Number of Students with More Than 10 Unexcused Days Absent	13	5	1		71,716
Number of Students absent greater than 10% of School Year	25	23	35		79,014
Number of Students Suspended	3	7	11		90,803
Number of Students Expelled			1		2,886
Number of Out of School Suspensions	2	5	6		108,934
Number of In School Suspensions	1	5	11		96,792

\* In 2014-15 Indiana transitioned to new, more rigorous college-and-career ready standards and a new statewide assessment to measure these standards. Therefore, results are not comparable to previous data.

### Knightstown Intermediate School, Knightstown 2870

Indicator	School Results				State
	'12-'13	'13-'14	'14-'15	'15-'16	Total
A-F Accountability Grade	C	D	D		
Student Enrollment	404	408	458	441	1,046,026
* Grade 4 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Math Standard			53.1		65.2
* Grade 4 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Language Arts Standard			67.5		70.4
* Grade 4 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Science Standard			78.8		71.4
* Grade 5 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Math Standard	73.4	72.2	59.8		68.4
* Grade 5 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Language Arts Standard	74.5	73.3	59.3		65.2
* Grade 6 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Math Standard	88.7	78.7	48.4		61.9
* Grade 6 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Language Arts Standard	75.5	75.3	54.7		65.8
* Grade 6 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Science Standard	68.9	70.8	67.7		66.9
* Grade 7 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Math Standard	84.7	70.5	39.4		54.1
* Grade 7 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Language Arts Standard	70.4	69.5	51.5		65.7
* Grade 8 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Math Standard	85.4	85.9	26.2		54.2
* Grade 8 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Language Arts Standard	70.7	80.4	47.5		63.7
Percent of 8th Graders in Algebra I	40.2	36.1	21.6		25.9
Pupil Enrollment to Certified Employee Ratio	13	14	12		13
Attendance Rate	94.9	95.7	95.5		95.8
Number of Students with More Than 10 Unexcused Days Absent	14	12	20		71,716
Number of Students absent greater than 10% of School Year	50	38	44		79,014
Number of Students Suspended	1	19	26		90,803
Number of Expulsions and Suspensions Involving Drugs, Weapons, or Alcohol	0	2	2		6,705
Number of Out of School Suspensions	1	28	30		108,934
Number of In School Suspensions		5	2		96,792

\* In 2014-15 Indiana transitioned to new, more rigorous college-and-career ready standards and a new statewide assessment to measure these standards. Therefore, results are not comparable to previous data.

### Knightstown High School, Knightstown 2869

Indicator	School Results				State
	'12-'13	'13-'14	'14-'15	'15-'16	Total
A-F Accountability Grade	A	A	A		
Student Enrollment	415	389	375	386	1,046,026
Number of Students in Career and Technical Program	294	265	250		167,961
Percentage of Students in Career and Technical Program	70.8	68.1	66.7		49.15
Percent Passing ECA Math Standard	58.0	82.5	81.7		68.9
Percent Passing ECA English Language Arts Standard	79.4	84.4	83.9		77.9
Percent of Graduates Who Have Passed Both ECA Standards	85.84	91.26	86.52		82.75
Percent of Graduates Granted Waivers for the ECA	9.3	5.1	8.3		7.1
Number of International Baccalaureate Diplomas	0	0	0		657
Percent of Students Taking Advanced Placement Exams	12.0	6.9	8.0		3.9
Percent of AP Test with Score of 3,4,5	37.9	63.0	26.5		49.7
SAT Average Score for Graduating Class	992.5	904.3	976.9		987.6
Percent of 12th Graders Taking SAT	42.6	53.1	49.5		45.9
Percent Core 40 with Honors Diploma	28.0	28.3	39.3		37.2
Percent Core 40 Diploma	89.7	92.9	90.5		87.1
Percent of Graduates Pursuing College	76.4	77.7	78.3		78.3
Pupil Enrollment to Certified Employee Ratio	13	13	11		13
Graduation Rate	94.7	96.1	94.4		88.9
Attendance Rate	95.0	95.4	95.4		95.8
Number of Students with More Than 10 Unexcused Days Absent	4	2	6		71,716
Number of Students absent greater than 10% of School Year	52	40	46		79,014
Number of Students Retained in the 9th Grade	0	1	0		886
Number of Students Who Have Dropped Out	4	2	3		3,607
Number of Students Suspended	31	20	28		90,803
Number of Students Expelled	4	3	2		2,886
Number of Expulsions and Suspensions Involving Drugs, Weapons, or Alcohol	0	1	2		6,705
Number of Out of School Suspensions	37	45	41		108,934
Number of In School Suspensions	4	1	4		96,792

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## For a detailed explanation of 2015 Annual Performance Report results, see Page 12.

## Rural Development Cooperatives Focus of New \$5.8 Million USDA Grant Program

Agriculture Under Secretary Lisa Mensah today announced that \$5.8 million in competitive funding is available to help start, improve or expand cooperative businesses in rural areas.

“Cooperatives have long been a key resource for small and mid-sized producers working together to access new markets or to market value added products,” said Mensah. “This funding helps them continue their crucial role supporting farmers and other businesses that create jobs, provide services and improve the quality of life in rural America.”

The Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG) Program provides funding to non-profit cooperative development centers and institutions of higher learning. Grants may be awarded

for up to \$200,000 and matching funds are required equal to 25 percent of the total project cost.

The USDA has invested more than \$44 million in 228 grants through the RCDG program since 2009. In 2015, for example, the Latino Economic Development Center (LEDC) in Minneapolis received a \$200,000 technical assistance grant to help rural Latino farmers form cooperatives. Through its farm incubation equipment sharing program, LEDC helps Latino farmers move from migrant work to year-round positions and from low-wage farmworkers to farm owners.

For information on how to apply for RCDG grants, contact your Rural Development state office or see page 16127 of the

March 25 *Federal Register*. The first round of applications is due June 20.

Since 2009, USDA Rural Development has invested \$11 billion in more than 103,000 rural businesses to start or expand their operations; helped more than 1 million rural residents buy homes; funded nearly 7,000 community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care facilities; financed 180,000 miles of new and improved electric transmission and distribution lines; and helped bring high-speed Internet access to nearly 6 million rural residents and businesses.

### LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF INDIANA )  
COUNTY OF HENRY ) SS: IN THE HENRY CIRCUIT COURT  
CASE NO.33C01-1603-MI-000025

IN RE CHANGE OF NAME OF MINOR: )  
HAVEN NICOLE THOMPSON )  
SHERRIE YVONNE CLEMENS, )  
PETITIONER )

### NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that Petitioner Sherrie Yvonne Clemens, pro se, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name of Minor to change the name of minor child from Haven Nicole Thompson to Haven Nicole Clemens.

The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Henry Circuit Court on May 16, 2016, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date. The parties shall report Henry County Circuit Court 2.

Date: March 9, 2016  
Debra G. Walker, Clerk of Henry Circuit Court

(3/16, 3/23, 3/30)

# F.C. Tucker Real Estate Opens Office in K-town



The Knightstown Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for the F.C. Tucker/Crossroads Real Estate office on Monday, March 28. Pictured (l-r) are Cara Taylor, Matt Huffman and Lindsay King. The office is located at 420 W. Main Street, Suite 2.

## Local Fire Department Getting Lifting Air Bags

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

The Knightstown-Wayne Township Fire Department will be getting a new set of inflatable air bags that are used to lift or upend vehicles and other heavy equipment that have overturned and may be trapping one or more persons.

Acting on a recommendation from Fire Chief Bob Schaeffer, the Knightstown-Wayne Township Fire Board's five members voted at their March 23 monthly meeting to approve the purchase. Schaeffer estimated that a kit that includes two air bags and a regulator would cost about \$5,100.

The air bags will be kept on the department's rescue truck. Schaeffer said the department's current air bags, which are made of thick rubber, are about 20 years old.

In other business, Schaeffer reported that the fire department has added two new members, Kalen Edwards and Dakota Smucker. He said the department, which can have up to 30 members, still has a few openings, and is looking for people who can cover daytime shifts.

Schaeffer reported that all of the department's trucks are back in operation. He noted that, when possible, the department does as much vehicle work itself as it can, saving labor cost when repairs are needed.

Following up on an issue he'd raised in February, Schaeffer asked

whether there was any additional information about whether the Knightstown Police Department should respond to the fire department's requests for assistance outside town limits. Schaeffer had identified a problem the fire department had in getting the KPD to respond to a request for assistance at Lake Haven, which lies beyond the town's borders.

"I just want to be clear, that's all," Schaeffer said.

Board member Mitch Roland, who is also a member of the Knightstown Town Council, told Schaeffer the KPD had been told to respond to calls for assistance outside the town "within reason." He said if county officers are not able to respond, town officers should go.

"I would think anywhere (the fire department) would be would be within reason," Schaeffer said. "... We're usually needing (help) if we call for it."

According to the monthly incident report, the fire department made 19 runs during the month of February. Four of the runs were for medical assistance, three were for fires, three were auto accidents with injuries and five were dispatched runs that were canceled, and two were for smoke or odor removal.

The fire board usually meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month in the back meeting room at the fire station, 30 S. Washington St., Knightstown. The meetings are open to the public.

## Knightstown Town Council Slates Two Special Meetings

The Knightstown Town Council has scheduled two special meetings for Thursday, only one of which will be open to the public.

The town council will meet privately in executive session at 6 p.m. in the Town Hall Annex, a meeting room on the back side of Knightstown Town Hall, 26 S. Washington St. The purpose of the closed-door session, according to a notice issued by the town, is so the council can discuss the job performance evaluation of a town employee the notice did not name.

After the executive session, the council will hold a special meeting, which will be open to the public, at 7 p.m. in its regular meeting location at 28 S. Washington St. The notice for this meeting did not indicate why it had been called.

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### 2015 School Corporation Annual Performance Report (APR) General Explanations

The APR is a report on the performance of schools and school corporations (districts) in your area. The goal is to provide information regarding the progress schools are making to help students become college-and-career ready. Where possible, this report contains three years of data to show trends – not just this year's results. In addition, the State Average is also shown for comparison purposes. There are additional indicators that are available on the Indiana Department of Education's Web site ([compass.doe.in.gov](http://compass.doe.in.gov)), including data broken out by different student subgroups, such as race, gender, income level and special education.

The data in this report have been supplied by the Indiana Department of Education and local school corporations. The report provides the most recent data available.

Indiana educators and citizens have developed higher academic standards for all students. These standards are necessary to prepare Indiana students to be successful in life, whether they go directly to higher education or to the workplace. The scores for ISTEP+ are listed under each school to reflect student progress toward those standards. Note: In 2014-15 Indiana transitioned to a new, more rigorous college-and-career ready standards and a new statewide assessment to measure these standards. Therefore ISTEP results are not comparable to previous data. For high schools, you also will see graduation rates and the percentage of graduates who plan to go on to college.

Other important data are provided, such as average attendance rates and indicators of school safety, including expulsions and suspensions. Also included is information about your school corporation, such as how much is spent, on average, for each student; how much teachers are paid; and the percentage of corporation students who are in special education classes or gifted and talented classes.

#### Definitions (in the order found on the report)

##### Corporation Level & General School Data

**A-F Accountability Grade** -- Grade calculated by the IDOE per 511 IAC 6.2-6 and officially assigned by the State Board of Education. For 2014-15, Schools and Corporations were assigned the better of their 2013-14 grade or the 2014-15 calculated grade.

**Student Enrollment** -- Number of students enrolled on October 1 of the school year. Note: Counts for Membership purposes are taken on a different day and may differ.

**Non-Waiver Grad Rate** -- For 2014-15, the percentage of students who entered Grade 9 in Fall 2012 and graduated in four years or less without a waiver

**College and Career Readiness Rate** -- The percentage of 2015 four year graduates who passed an Advanced Placement test, passed an International Baccalaureate test, received 3 hours of Dual Credit, or received an Industry Certification. Note: This data are not available for the 2015 cohort at time of publication.

**Career and Technical Diplomas** -- Core 40 with Technical Honors Diplomas

**Certified Teachers** -- Teachers certified to teach as reported by School Corporation (includes guidance counselors and other non-Administrator staff)

**National Board Certified Teachers** -- Teachers who have obtained National Board Certification as reported by the School Corporation. More information can be found at <http://boardcertifiedteachers.org/>

**Total Expenditure Per Pupil Three Year Average** -- Amount the School Corporation is spending on average per student

**Academic Achievement Expenditures** -- Direct Classroom expenditures such as teacher salaries and benefits, instructional materials, instructional supervision, etc

**Instructional Support Expenditures** -- Student Support expenditures such as social work, guidance, health, speech pathology, audiology, school administration, etc

**Overhead and Operations Expenditures** -- Non-instructional operating costs such as corporation administration, accounting, payroll, facility maintenance, facility operation, security, pupil transportation, food services, etc

**Non-Operating Expenditures** -- Expenditures that are not related to the day-to-day operation such as facilities acquisition and construction, debt service obligations

**Teacher Salary Range** -- Salary range is calculated by reviewing the salaries for teachers as provided by the School Corporation. Teachers must be reported at 100% for 180-195 days

**Students in Special Education** -- Students (including non-public Students) who are receiving special education services

**Students in Gifted and Talented Education** -- Percentage of students enrolled in gifted and talented education programs as defined locally

**Percent of Instruction Delivered Through Vocational Education** -- Percentage of total instructional hours delivered through vocational education classes

**Students Receiving Free or Reduced Price Lunches** -- Students who receive free or reduced price lunches due to family income level

**Limited English Proficiency Students** -- Students whose inability to communicate English prevents them from participating fully in a standard educational program

**ISTEP+ Remediation Funding** -- Funding received by the state to provide remedial programs

**Alternative Education** -- Students enrolled and receiving instruction for at least 10 days in an approved alternative education program

**Intra District Mobility** -- Percentage of students who moved from one school to another in the same school corporation

**Inter District Mobility** -- Percentage of student who moved from one school to another in a different school corporation

**Pupil Enrollment to Certified Employee Ratio** -- Number of Students per Certified Employees as reported by the School Corporation

**Attendance Rate** -- Average attendance rate for students

##### High School Data

**Career and Technical Programs** -- Programs administered through the Department of Workforce Development that often result in an Industry Certification

**ECA Math Standard** -- End of Course Assessment Math Standard – Algebra I (Passage is Required for Graduation) Pass rates are for first time test takers

**ECA English Language Arts Standard** -- End of Course Assessment 10th Grade English (Passage is Required for Graduation) Pass rates are for first time test takers

**International Baccalaureate** -- Program of Study offered by some authorized schools that may result in a student receiving a specialized diploma called an International Baccalaureate Diploma. More information can be found at [www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org)

**AP (Advanced Placement)** -- Program of Study that offers college level courses and exams to high school students that can result in students receiving college credit.

**SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test)** -- Standardized test results of which are commonly used in College Admissions. Average shown is for graduating class.

**Core 40** -- Basic High school graduation requirements

More information on the graduation requirements and types of diplomas can be found at <http://www.doe.in.gov/student-services/student-assistance/academic-guidance>

**Core 40 with Honors diploma** -- Either Core 40 with Academic Honors or Core 40 with Technical Honors

**Percent of Graduates Pursuing College** -- These data are supplied by the School Corporation when they submit the list of graduates

**Graduation Rate** -- For 2014-15, the percentage of students who entered Grade 9 in Fall 2012 and graduated in four years or less.

##### Elementary/Middle School Data

**ISTEP+** -- Grade specific exam given to all students. All students in Grades 3-8 are tested annually in Math and English/Language Arts. Students in grades 4 and 6 are also tested in Science. Students in grades 5 and 7 are also tested in Social Studies. In 2014-15 Indiana transitioned to a new, more rigorous college-and-career ready standards and a new statewide assessment to measure these standards. Therefore ISTEP results are not comparable to previous data.

**IREAD** -- Exam given to all students in grade 3 to test reading proficiency. Students must pass the exam to advance to grade 4

Contact: If you have any questions about this information, you should contact your local school corporation or contact the Department of Education at 317-232-9050 or by e-mail at [schoolaccountability@doe.in.gov](mailto:schoolaccountability@doe.in.gov).

## Students Invited to Compete for Money in Drive-Now-Text-Later Competition

Indiana high school, trade school and college students have a choice: Use their smartphones behind the wheel and make a tragic mistake, or engage their social media followers to "Drive Now. TXT L8R." and earn up to \$5,000 in scholarships.

The Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, Indiana Department of Labor, Indiana Department of Transportation and Indiana State Police are again partnering to award up to \$5,000 in scholarships to students who post the most creative videos and images on social media.

#### Contest Rules

Students may read updated contest rules and register their Twitter accounts at [www.txtl8r.in.gov](http://www.txtl8r.in.gov).

Photo and video entries must be public, use the hashtag #TXTL8RIN, and be cross-posted to the registered Twitter account in April during Distracted Driving Awareness Month.

Keeping one's hands on the wheel and eyes on the road is not just a safe driving practice – it's the law. Social media posts that are composed while driving will be disqualified.

Individual winners will receive \$5,000 and up to four team members will receive \$2,500 each deposited into their CollegeChoice 529 savings plans. For 2016, entries will be judged in four categories: High School: Most creative image; High School: Most creative video; Post-secondary: Most creative image; Post-secondary: Most creative video



# LOCAL SPORTS

## Panther Drake Peggs Makes Preseason All-State Team

Knightstown High School senior Drake Peggs has been named to the Indiana Prep Baseball Report's preseason 2016 All-State team. Nine Indiana players were chosen for infield and outfield positions and six additional players were named as pitchers.

Peggs, the Panthers' top hitter (see more about Peggs' accomplishments in the team's season preview story on this page), was chosen for the All-State team's middle infield position. Peggs has committed to play at Eastern Michigan University following graduation.

Matthew Gorski, a senior at Hamilton Southeastern, was named to the other middle infield position. He's committed to Indiana University.

Brice McDaniel, makes the All-State team as first baseman. The Columbus North senior is committed to Purdue University.

Connor Christman, a Noblesville senior committed to Butler University, was named to the team's third base spot.

Justin Jenkins, a Terre Haute South senior committed to play at the University of Iowa next year, earn one of the three outfield positions on the All-State team.

Mitchell Garrity, a Perry Meridian senior who will play for Purdue after graduation, was named to one of the other outfield spots.

Roy Thurman, a junior at North Central, earned the third outfield position. He is committed to Louisville University.

T.J. Collett earned the All-State team's catcher spot. He's a senior at Terre Haute North who has committed to the University of Kentucky.

Keegan Watson, a junior at New Palestine, was chosen for the utility player position. He's already committed to the University of Nebraska.

Four of the six pitchers named to the All-State team are committed to play at Indiana University following their graduations. Those pitchers are Skylar Szynski (senior at Penn), Andrew Saalfrank (senior at Heritage), Cal Krueger (senior at Jasper) and Matt Litwicki (junior at Lake Central).

Zach Thompson, a senior at Wapahani, earned one of the other pitching spots. He's headed to Kentucky. Reid Schaller, a senior at Lebanon, got the sixth pitching spots. He is committed to Vanderbilt University.

## Knightstown Baseball Team Ranked 5th in Preseason Poll

by Stacy Cox  
General Manager

High expectations around this season for Knightstown's varsity baseball team after two hugely successful seasons. The Panthers start the season ranked fifth in class 2A preseason polls with a two-year 18-0 record in the Mid-Hoosier Conference.

When your team goes 51-12 in two seasons while earning two county titles, two conference titles, two sectional titles and one regional title, every player is an important part of the team's overall success.

The Panthers lost five players to graduation in 2015 including the team's powerhouse pitchers, Jake Kwisz and Tyler Richardson; Kaleb Kinnaman, one the team's top hitters and baserunners; Tyler Hubble and Mike Jones, both all-around solid players.

Daren Hardesty returns for his third year as Knightstown's head coach. Hardesty has guided the resurgence of the school's baseball program to the previously-stated achievements and in doing so, earned the conference's coach of the year honor in 2014 and 2015. He was also named District Coach of the Year in 2015 by the Indiana High School Baseball Coaches Association.

The Panthers' star shortstop and top hitter two years straight, Drake Peggs, returns for his final season before he graduates and moves on to play baseball at Eastern Michigan University, a Division 1 school in the Mid-American Conference that includes Ball State

University. Peggs has maintained a consistent effort the past two seasons with .477 and .476 batting averages. In addition to leading in hits, he also led the team in RBIs, runs scored, triples and home runs, including hitting the team's only grand slam last year. With 270 plate appearances, Peggs has only struck out 12 times in two years. He's earned numerous awards including All-Conference and tourney team honors.

Junior Isaac McRoberts, the team's hard-working catcher the past two seasons, is another experienced player who will be an essential part of the Panthers' success this year. McRoberts was second only to Peggs last year in hits and RBIs and led the team in doubles with 15. He earned All-County and All-Conference awards last season.

Senior Spencer Mattix also returns as one the team's main pitchers and third baseman. Mattix was 6-1 last season from the mound. He pitched 45 innings and struck out 40 batters and walked none. Mattix, with his .348 batting average, will be counted on at the plate as well.

Another senior, Jake Bearhope, was looked to to fulfill positions in high-pressure moments in previous seasons. Bearhope played in all 32 games last year, averaging .373 batting, and took over at first base when Richardson was pitching. Bearhope also plays at third base and in the outfield.

Tyler Burton, a sophomore who played three games on junior varsity last season before getting

bumped up to the varsity team, was starting every game when tourney time came. Hardesty was able to get Burton some time on the mound during the regular season where he won three games and lost none. In those three games, Burton pitched 19 innings, faced 80 batters striking out 24 of them and walking 12. Burton came up with some great catches and crucial hits during tournament games in 2015.

Other players on last year's varsity roster returning include seniors Kelton Magee, Hagan Moore and Max Rinehart; juniors Alex Brading and Bryan Newby; and sophomore Kaunner Cleek.

New to the varsity team are senior Logan Whitaker, sophomores Kaleb Buchanan, Levi Back, Bruce Nichols and Conner Brockman as well as freshman Jose Olivo.

Scott Morgan, the team's statistician last season, will serve this year as assistant coach on the varsity team. Joe Patton will head the coaching duties for the junior varsity team. Former KHS baseball stars Joe Haase, who pitched at Purdue University for four years, and Nolan Hall, who played baseball at Hanover College for four years, return this year as volunteer assistant coaches.

The Panthers' first game is at home against South Decatur, 5 p.m.



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### Tough Schedule Lies Ahead for Panthers

The Panther varsity baseball team may be starting the season ranked fifth in class 2A but it will face several other ranked teams in its schedule this season.

Knightstown will spend most of its April schedule playing Mid-Hoosier Conference opponents. If the Panthers can get through the early games without a loss, in late April they will have perhaps their first serious challenge when they try to get a road win at class 4A New Castle. Though the Trojans did not place in the top ten of the Indiana High School Baseball Coaches Association preseason poll, they did receive votes in the polling.

Wapahani is tied for second in class 2A rankings with last year's state champion South Spencer, who defeated Knightstown in the semistate game. The Panthers compete against the Raiders April 30 at the Wapahani Invitational. The two teams will also meet at Wapahani for a single game May 18.

In between the two meetings with Wapahani, the Panthers face class 1A's ninth-ranked Hauser May 7, then Centerville May 12. The Bulldogs are ranked seventh in the preseason class 2A poll.

Two days later, the Panthers host Lapel for a doubleheader. Lapel is ranked ninth in the preseason class 2A poll.

The following weekend, May 19-20, the Panthers will attempt to take another Henry County title before it finishes the regular season May 23 against Hagerstown, who is ranked sixth in class 1A preseason poll.



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## Lady Titans Get 27-1 Win in Softball Season Opener

Tri's varsity softball team clobbered Seton Catholic 27-1 in its season opener March 23 at home.

The Lady Titans had an exciting first inning, scoring 14 runs. They added five more runs in the second inning and seven runs in the third inning while holding the Lady Cardinals scoreless.

Seton finally got on the board with a run in the top of the fourth but that would be its only run.

Tri scored another run in the fourth before securing the win after the top of the fifth.

Senior Abbi Coffman pitched all five innings for Tri. She allowed just one run on four hits including three doubles and one triple. With 22 batters faced, Coffman struck out 11 and walked one with no errors.

### Tri Individual Results

- Peyton Moore - 4 singles, 1 triple, 4 runs scored, 5 RBIs
- Destiny Taylor - 3 singles, 1 double, 1 triple, 1 fielders choice, 3 runs scored, 4 RBIs
- Mackenzie Peggs - 3 singles, 1 triple, 4 runs scored, 2 RBIs
- Kierstyn Conyers - 3 singles, 1 double, 3 runs scored, 4 RBIs
- Abbi Coffman - 3 singles, 2 runs scored, 1 RBI
- Kirsten Falck - 2 singles, 4 runs scored, 2 RBIs
- Lauren Bouslog - 2 singles, 2 runs scored, 1 RBI
- Breanna Reece - 1 single, 1 run scored, 1 RBI
- Bayley Prince - 1 single, 1 run scored, 1 stolen base
- Kristen McNew, Bailey Coffman, Jesse Spong - 1 run scored

## Tri Baseball Hosts Morristown in Season Debut Next Week

The Tri varsity baseball team opens its season April 7 with a home game against Morristown.

Cary Ellis returns as Titan varsity head coach, having lost three players to graduation in 2015. One of those players included the team's top hitter and main pitcher, Riley Casteel.

But last year's 6-18 team was mostly a young team.

Four seniors are on this year's varsity roster including Kaleb Harrison (last year's RBI leader), Bryce Longnecker, Robert Wyant and Brent Schuyler.

Eric Bilby and Chris Blake are the varsity's only juniors.

Four sophomores - Drew Mondrush, Josiah Jackson, Masen Phelps and Mason Rottinghaus - combined to pitch more than 81 innings last season as freshmen.

Mondrush was also strong at the plate, finishing second in hits and runs scored.

Five freshmen have been added to the varsity roster this season. Those rookies include Kyler Burchett, Jimmy Jeffries, Cedderik Riggs, Gage Rowe and Logan Stephens.

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## Royals Baseball Season Starts April 4

The Eastern Hancock varsity boys baseball team starts its 2016 season April 4 on the road at Hagerstown who are ranked sixth in the preseason class 1A poll.

Chad Coughenour continues as head coach again for the Royals. Coughenour has served as EH varsity head coach since 2006 with a record of 88-157-4.

Greg Judy is assistant varsity coach. Stu Fisher is the junior varsity coach and Ryan Schmalz is the JV assistant coach.

The Royals lost six players to graduation in 2015 including Cole Fout, the team's leader last season in base hits, RBIs, doubles and home runs.

Also gone are four pitchers - Austin Clutinger, Devon Wagoner, Brandon Reid and Austin Lacy - who combined to pitch more than 102 of the 171 innings

the Royals played last year. Infielder David Johnson graduated in 2015 too.

Three Royals return this season for their fourth year of varsity baseball action. Those seniors include Dwight Duzan, Garek Ferguson and Tom Barton.

A fourth senior, Brent Morris, is new to the Eastern Hancock varsity roster.

Three juniors made the varsity team. Devin Denny has played on the team the past two seasons while Levi Majority and Clayton White have just one year of varsity experience.

There are six sophomores on the Royal varsity in 2016 but just one, Addison True, was on the team in 2015. The new team members are Easton Fields, Andrew Knoblock, Jarett Lewis, A.J. Muegge and Payton Wilkinson.

## IHSAA Posts Change to Physical Exams

The Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) recently posted a change notice on physical examinations for the 2016-2017 school year.

In collaboration with the Committee on Sports Medicine, an arm of the Indiana State Medical Association, the new IHSAA form now requires the original signature of a physician (MD or DO) in addition to their license number for validity. A pre-stamped, or facsimile signature is unacceptable.

This new requirement is the direct result of an effort to protect student athletes.

The abuses which were brought to the attention of the Committee on Sports Medicine by member schools, pediatricians and family medicine providers included pre-stamped physicals completed in non-medical facilities.

The new form, with instructions and more details about the changes now required for the physical, can be found at Knightstown's athletic website ([www.knightstownathletics.com](http://www.knightstownathletics.com)) under the Panther HQ tab.

The link includes the physical evaluation form, individual eligibility rules and a consent and release certificate.

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## Celebration of 'Hoosiers' Featuring Angelo Pizzo Set for April 9 at Rushville Memorial Gymnasium

*Funds Raised to Be Used for Princess Theater Restoration*

The Heart of Rushville, in conjunction with the City of Rushville, Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame, Milan Museum and the Hoosier Gym in Knightstown will be offering a night to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the movie *Hoosiers*.

The event, scheduled for Saturday, April 9 at Memorial Gymnasium, will be used to raise funds and awareness for the Princess Theater restoration project, while celebrating the movie *Hoosiers*, the fictitious Hickory Huskers and the real Milan Indians. It is being sponsored by Clarkson and Gulde Law Office.

The evening will feature Angelo Pizzo, the writer of the sports classics, *Hoosiers* and *Rudy*. Members of the Milan Indians, including 1954 Mr. Basketball, Bobby Plump, as well as, members of the fictitious Hickory Huskers including Brad Long (Buddy Walker) and Steve Hollar (Rade Butcher) will also be in attendance.

Not only will the event celebrate the 30-year anniversary of *Hoosiers*, but also the 90-year anniversary of the Memorial Gym and the regional championships won by Milan in 1953 and 1954 that were played at Memorial Gymnasium.

The schedule for the event will be as follows:

◆ 5 p.m. - Doors open for VIP event / Fanzone (\$20 ticket)

◆ 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. - VIP event (Memorial Gymnasium) / Fanzone (auxiliary gym) for VIP and general tickets

◆ 6:30 to 7 p.m. - Memorial Gym open for general admission ticket holders (\$5 ticket)

◆ 7 p.m. - Hoosier's program (speeches/discussion with legends)

◆ 7:45 p.m. (approx.) - Hoosiers movie shown on the big screen (run time: one hour, 55 minutes)

There also will be a basketball-themed silent auction, raffle items and concessions provided by the RCHS Booster Club (including soda, candy bars and popcorn) available for purchase.

Tickets can be purchased at Rushville City Hall or from any Heart of Rushville committee member. Any tickets left over will be sold at the door April 9. All funds raised from the event will go towards the Heart of Rushville / Princess Theater Restoration Project.

"We are really looking forward to celebrating this movie, our gym and Hoosier Hysteria in general. We welcome basketball and *Hoosiers* fans from around the state to come join us for this bicentennial celebration event," said Mayor Mike Pavey.

## KHS, Tri, EH Spring Sports Schedule for March 30 - April 7

### Baseball - Varsity

- ◆ Apr. 4 - Eastern Hancock away at Hagerstown, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 5 - Knightstown at home vs. South Decatur, 5 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 6 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. Southwestern, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 7 - Knightstown away at South-western Shelby, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 7 - Tri at home vs. Morristown, 5 p.m.

### Baseball - Junior Varsity

- ◆ Apr. 5 - Eastern Hancock away at Centerville, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 6 - Knightstown at home vs. Triton Central, 5 p.m.

### Golf - Boys Varsity

- ◆ Apr. 4 - Eastern Hancock away at Greenfield-Central, 4:30 p.m., Hawks Tail Golf Course

- ◆ Apr. 7 - Knightstown vs. Morristown and Waldron, 4:30 p.m., Royal Hylands Golf Course

### Softball - Varsity

- ◆ Apr. 5 - Knightstown at home vs. Southwestern Shelby, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 5 - Tri at home vs. Union, 5 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 5 - Eastern Hancock away at Cambridge City Lincoln, 5 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 6 - Knightstown away at South Decatur, 5 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 6 - Tri at home vs. North Decatur, 5 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 6 - Eastern Hancock away at Randolph Southern, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 7 - Tri at home vs. Daleville, 5 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 7 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. Hauser, 5:30 p.m.

### Softball - Junior Varsity

- ◆ Apr. 5 - Knightstown at home vs. Southwestern Shelby, 5:30 p.m.

### Tennis - Varsity/JV Girls

- ◆ Apr. 5 - Knightstown away at Edinburgh, 5 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 6 - Knightstown at home vs. Shenandoah, 5 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 7 - Knightstown away at Hauser, 5 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 7 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. Cambridge City Lincoln, 5 p.m.

### Track - Varsity Coed

- ◆ Apr. 7 - Knightstown away at Shenandoah, 4:30 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 7 - Tri and Union away at Blue River Valley, 4:30 p.m.
- ◆ Apr. 7 - Eastern Hancock at home vs. North Decatur and South Decatur, 5 p.m.

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The good news is, we're already well on our way to having a more open government.

For example, this session, the Indiana General Assembly passed Senate Enrolled Act 126 which urges the Legislative Council to study the expansion of open data in Indiana.

And last week, the Indy Chamber announced winners of its #INCapitolHack Hackathon. My office asked the hackers to develop a solution which enables us to better track state credit card spending. In just 24 hours, Team Shake & Bake developed interactive dashboards and analytics which allow

us to trace spending down to the location, penny and spender.

In addition to these great developments for a more open Indiana, my office recently kicked off a 21st Century Government Transparency tour. On this tour, we are traveling to different areas of the state to promote the Indiana Transparency Portal and find ways that we can make the state's financial data more useful and user friendly.

And in the coming months, I will be taking those ideas from everyday Hoosiers and collaborating with a small working group of public and private sector individuals who can apply those solutions and make our state more open than it has ever been.

In conclusion, it is my hope that as public servants we will embrace our roles and act in good faith on behalf of the people by opening the doors and conducting their business in the light. If we commit to this principle, I believe we will be able to solve more problems and secure more freedoms for Hoosiers everywhere.

**Suzanne Crouch  
Indiana State Auditor**

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank the American Legion Post 152 for putting on the Easter egg hunt on Saturday, March 26. As I live directly across the street from Sunset Park, I had a great view from beginning to end. What a beautiful day it was, but the best part about the event was watching a dozen or so gray-haired men arrive early to hide Easter Eggs around the park. Some even stayed to run the event, and some left like the Easter bunny. It made me smile. Thank you all for giving

your time and all who helped out with this event. They all should receive good blessings.

I hope the people of Knightstown give back to the Legion during the year for they do so many good things for this town. Thank You!

**Belinda Grigsby  
Knightstown**

Dear Editor,

Just wanted to let your readers know that anyone interested in the early history of Indiana and the observance of our state's 200th Anniversary, might also be interested in reading a book that is at our local Knightstown Public Library. *Deep Forest, a Novel of the Indiana Frontier* covers the period of Nov. 1811 through 1865.

It starts on the Tippecanoe Battlefield, includes the history of Vincennes, our first territorial capital, the militia who fought the Indians; gives us a look at the settlers lives at that time. The story covers the events of that time as they influenced the lives and history of the people, their struggles and the author's narrative of each of them. Also included are some notable people: William Conner, Governor Harrison, Johnny Appleseed, Abraham Lincoln, etc. and all of the people who settled Indiana from Vincennes to the current capital of "Indiana-polis" as it was first called. The manuscript of this historical novel was found by the author's granddaughter in 2015 - 65 years after Emsley W. Johnson, Sr. completed it.

**Esther Brock  
Spiceland**

# Mays Community Academy Posts Newest Honor Roll

Mays Community Academy recently posted its third nine weeks honor roll.

Grade 3 – Mrs. Hamilton: Carsen Adams, Devin Brown, Kailey Carpenter, Atlantis Crosby, Mea Frisbie, Josie Gurley, Alex Gwinnup, Braxtin Hamm, Conner Hodson, Jenna Kent, Jakob Lundy, Ava McMillan, Stacey Roberts, Heidi Stanley, Wyatt Walker, Harleigh Weber

Grade 4 – Mrs. Durbin: Matthew Clark, Ian Conover, Carter Hamilton, Andrew Smiley, Angelina Wilson, Maya Wilson

Grade 5 – Mrs. Delay: Gabe Bishop, Jordyn Cole, Josh Meisenholder

Grade 6 – Mrs. Gaddis: Samantha Gwinnup, Rochelle Meyers, Grace Muir, Devin Richardson, Allie Yung

## Park Board Approves Field Use

by Jeff Eakins for The Banner

The Knightstown Department of Parks and Recreation Board has OK'd the use of the Sunset Park baseball diamond by a team of local middle school students.

Board members voted at their March 22 monthly meeting to let the Knightstown Intermediate School's baseball team use the diamond for its practices. The team's practices will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays through April.

Coaches Gabe Carmichael and John Walters made the request on the team's behalf. They explained that the team will be considered a "club sport" at KIS its first two years and that its games will be played in New Castle.

In other business, board members voted to open the park restrooms as soon as locks are changed, something that was expected to be done within days of the meeting. The board will give a key to the restrooms to the Knightstown Police Department and have officers unlock them in the morning and then lock them at night.

President Ed Johnson showed the board the new eight-camera security system recently purchased for the park. He said he hoped to have the equipment installed within seven to 10 days.

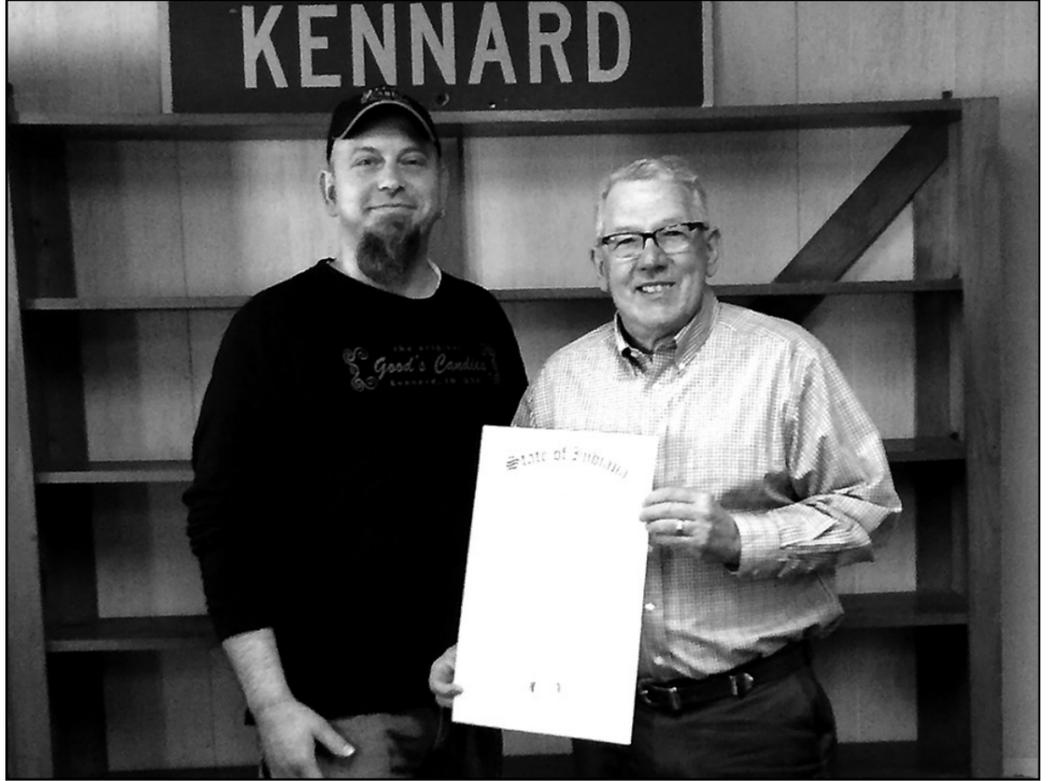
In financial matters, Johnson reported that the park board recently had a fund balance of \$38,707.32, according to the latest report he'd been provided by Clerk-Treasurer Beth Huffman. Board member Suzee Neal asked about a \$100 payment from the park board's funds to the town's attorney, and Johnson said he thought the town was going to start having the park board pay a portion of the attorney's retainer.

Greg Bryze, an independent contractor who does cleaning at the park, reported that rentals of the shelter house have been done. Handyman Dave Huffman was not present to give a report.

More information about the park board's March 22 meeting can be found in the memoranda and minutes of that proceeding. Those public records are available for inspection and copying at Knightstown Town Hall, 26 S. Washington St., during normal business hours.

The park board's next monthly meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, in the Sunset Park Shelter House. The meeting will feature a public hearing on planned updates to the park board's master plan.

# Sweet Treat



State Rep. Tom Saunders (R-Lewisville) presents a resolution to the owner of Good's Candies, Kevin Vickery, honoring the store for 50 years of business in Kennard on Tuesday, March 29.

State Rep. Tom Saunders (R-Lewisville) presented a resolution yesterday to Good's Candies of Kennard to congratulate the store on 50 years of business.

"I am privileged to be able to honor Good's Candies for their many years of success," Saunders said. "Small businesses, like Good's, are the backbone of our great state and I know they will continue to serve the community for a long time."

The story of Good's Candies begins with Delilah Lowery, or "Aunt Dee" as she was known. Aunt Dee originally learned the art of hand-dipped candy making in the 1920s and eventually founded a candy shop with her husband, Garret Lowery or "Uncle Beanie," as he was known. The couple ran

the business out of their home in Muncie.

Through the years, the business changed hands and locations but finally became Good's Candies and settled down in the shop the business operates out of today.

Now in its fourth generation of family ownership, Good's Candies continues a tradition that stretches back nearly a century starting with Aunt Dee and Uncle Beanie.

Saunders has been a longtime customer of Good's and said he remembers buying his candies from Terri, the mother of the store's current owner, Kevin Vickery.

Saunders honored the store at their location on 116 S. Main Street in Kennard.

# A Look Back



Knightstown High School cheerleaders pose for a photo in the late 60s or early 70s. Anyone who can name these ladies may e-mail The Banner at thebanner@embarqmail.com. (Banner file photo)

## Bilbrey, from Page 6

Ivy Tech's staff chose to create a new faculty position, so that Bilbrey could share her experiences with new budding graphics students. She has been instructing at Ivy Tech for 15 years now.

"It is such a pleasure and so rewarding to be giving back to my students all of the valuable experience and lessons I have picked up along the way, both personally and professionally," she said.

Bilbrey feels that her small town upbringing significantly enhances the way she works with others.

"I make sure I memorize my students' first names on the first day of class, I console them when things are rough, I feed them if they're hungry. They are like family to me! I know what it's like to feel alone and uncared for as a first year college student, and want to support them anyway I can," said Bilbrey.

She and her family currently live in Southport, though her mother and sister still reside in Henry County.

"In hindsight, I do wish we could have been more patient and found something out that way especially in the rolling hills around Greensboro and west of Spiceland," she said. "Being closer to family would be nice!"

As she looks back on her career and the journey it took to get there, Bilbrey remains appreciative of the family, friends, educators and students who continually encouraged her to pursue her dream.

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## Grant, from Page 1

months. Committee members should also be knowledgeable about the town, be able to provide perspective and insight, be open to new ideas and ways of thinking about urban development, serve as a sounding board for our citizens, and be willing to accept a leadership role in facilitating public meetings and presenting the completed plan.

Persons interested in serving on the steering committee should apply by submitting a letter of interest at Knightstown Town Hall, 26 S. Washington St., no later than Friday, April 8. They may also e-mail their letter of interest to Knightstown Clerk-Treasurer Beth Huffman at clerk@hrtc.net, being sure to include their name and phone number.

## Volunteers, from Page 8

Volunteers for hosts are needed at Brown County, McCormick's Creek, Turkey Run, Potato Creek, Ouabache, Pokagon and Indiana Dunes state parks and Salamonie, Monroe and Patoka lakes.

A complete list of site availability and detailed information about hosting duties is at stateparks.IN.gov/2404.htm or contact the property where you would like to serve as a host.

Completion of a volunteer application is required to apply. Download a volunteer application form at stateparks.IN.gov/2443.htm.

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